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11 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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13 LOOP AI LABS INC.,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 ANNA GATTI, et al,

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CASE NO.: 3:15-cv-00798-HSG-DMR

**PLAINTIFF LOOP AI LABS INC'S  
MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND  
AUTHORITIES IN OPPOSITION TO  
NON-PARTY ORRICK, HERRINGTON  
& SUTCLIFFE LLP'S MOTION FOR A  
PROTECTIVE ORDER OR TO QUASH  
SUBPOENA.**

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1 Plaintiff Loop AI Labs Inc. (“Plaintiff” or “Loop AI”) respectfully submits this  
2 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition to non-party Orrick, Herrington &  
3 Sutcliffe LLP’s (“Orrick”) Motion For A Protective Order or to Quash the Subpoena filed on  
4 August 13, 2015 (“Motion”).<sup>1</sup> See [Dkt. 169](#). This Opposition is based on evidence already of  
5 record with the Court, supplemental evidence being submitted with the Declaration of V.C.  
6 Healy dated August 27, 2015 (“VCH Decl.”), and any other supplemental evidence as the Court  
7 may allow the parties to subsequently present.

8 This Opposition does not address any of the issues on which Almaxwave USA, Inc.  
9 (“AW-USA”) has filed objections to the Orrick Subpoena, as they are not pertinent to Orrick’s  
10 separate Motion. To the extent the Court were to find any aspect of the AW-USA Motion to  
11 Quash the Orrick Subpoena relevant here, Loop AI respectfully incorporates here by reference its  
12 Opposition to that Motion, which is being filed concurrently herewith.

### 13 SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES PRESENTED

14 The principal issue presented by the Motion is straightforward: Is Orrick required to  
15 produce documents and communications created or existing within Orrick while Loop AI was  
16 Orrick’s client and that relate to Loop; or can Orrick instead avoid compliance with Loop AI’s  
17 Subpoena by asserting its own internal privilege? Loop AI’s Subpoena seeks certain documents  
18 and communications that were created or existing within Orrick during the period that Orrick  
19 was representing Loop AI and concurrently acting, without disclosure to Loop AI, in a manner  
20 adverse to Loop AI. As fully set forth in Loop AI’s amended complaint, the adverse  
21 representation by Orrick included assisting its other client, Almaxwave S.r.l., in inducing one of  
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25 <sup>1</sup> As used herein, the terms: (1) “Complaint,” “action,” and “case” refer to the matters alleged in  
26 the Complaint, [Dkt. 1](#), as amended, [Dkt. 45](#), as well as to matters and evidence described in other  
27 files of record with this Court; (2) the term “Subpoena” refers to the June 1, 2015 Subpoena  
28 *Duces Tecum* issued to Orrick; (3) the term “Defendants” refers to some or all of the defendants  
named in the action; (4) the term “Almaxviva Defendants” refers to Defendants Almaxviva S.p.A.,  
Almaxwave S.r.l. and Almaxwave USA Inc.

1 Loop AI's senior executives (Defendant Gatti) to breach agreements that Orrick itself had  
2 prepared for Loop AI. Orrick seeks to impede inquiry into its conflicted and improper conduct,  
3 which is at issue in the action, by invoking its own attorney-client privilege to shield all of the  
4 requested documents and communications from discovery.

5 Orrick's assertion of privilege should be rejected because the privilege Orrick purports to  
6 assert is unavailable as a matter of law. This issue is governed by federal common law, which  
7 has recognized a fiduciary or current client exception to the attorney-client privilege. Pursuant to  
8 this well-established exception, Orrick is not permitted to invoke its own internal attorney-client  
9 privilege against Loop AI for documents and communications created or existing during the time  
10 while Loop AI continued to be Orrick's client, *i.e.*, through March 11, 2015.<sup>2</sup> This exception, as  
11 applied to law firms, is rooted in the principle that attorneys owe their clients a duty of undivided  
12 loyalty and it would be unfair and inconsistent with the requirements imposed by that duty to  
13 allow attorneys to conceal their adverse interests, developed while representing a client and  
14 without disclosure to the client, and then shield that information from discovery under a claim of  
15 internal firm privilege.  
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18 As the Ninth Circuit noted, "there are few of the business relations of life involving a  
19 higher trust and confidence than that of attorney and client ... few more anxiously guarded by  
20 the law, or governed by sterner principles of morality and justice; and it is the duty of the court to  
21 administer them in a corresponding spirit..." *Damron v. Herzog*, 67 F.3d 211, 214 (9th Cir.  
22 1995) (quoting *U.S. v. Stockton*, 52 U.S. 232 (1850)). Particularly in light of the egregious  
23 nature of Orrick's conduct here, and consistent with the Ninth Circuit's guidance and other  
24 precedent, the Court should reject Orrick's shameless attempt to continue its shabby treatment of  
25 its (now former) client. The Court should reject Orrick's assertion of privilege.  
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27 <sup>2</sup> See [Dkt. 29-1](#) (letter by Orrick terminating representation).  
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1 Furthermore, wholly aside from the fiduciary exception, Orrick has also voluntarily  
2 injected into this proceeding matters regarding its knowledge of the conflict that in fairness  
3 should allow Loop AI to obtain discovery of the matters voluntarily disclosed by Orrick.

4 In addition to the foregoing issue, the Orrick Motion presents a handful of more minor  
5 issues relating to aspects of the Subpoena not involving AW-USA's objections, which are being  
6 addressed directly in Loop AI's Opposition to that Motion.<sup>3</sup>

## 7 **ARGUMENT**

### 8 **I. RELEVANT LEGAL STANDARDS.**

#### 9 **A. Federal Common Law Governs All Privilege Questions in This Case.**

10 "A claim of privilege in federal court is resolved *by federal common law*, unless the  
11 action is a civil proceeding and the privilege is invoked 'with respect to an element of a claim or  
12 defense as to which State law supplies the rule of decision....'" *Hancock v. Hobbs*, 967 F.2d  
13 462, 466 (11th Cir. 1992) (emphasis added) (quoting Fed. R. Evid. 501). However, "[w]here  
14 there are federal question claims and pendent state law claims present, *the federal law of*  
15 *privilege applies*." *Agster v. Maricopa County*, 422 F.3d 836, 839-840 (9th Cir. 2005) (emphasis  
16 added). In this case, the federal common law of privilege governs because the original  
17 jurisdiction of this Court is premised upon Loop AI's federal causes of action under 18 U.S.C. §  
18 1964 *et seq.*, and 18 U.S.C. § 1030 *et seq.* See [Dkt. 1](#) at 12 and [Dkt. 45 at ¶ 49](#).

#### 19 **B. Application of Privilege and Exceptions to Privilege.<sup>4</sup>**

20 As more fully set forth in Loop AI's Opposition to AW-USA's Motion to Quash the  
21 Orrick Subpoena, a party invoking privilege has the burden to establish that the privilege applies  
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23 <sup>3</sup> Loop AI respectfully notes that it has had several constructive meet and confers with Orrick's  
24 counsel and that it is limiting this Opposition to just a handful of points that remained following  
25 those meet and confers.

26 <sup>4</sup> Loop AI respectfully incorporates by reference herein the other legal standards applicable to the  
27 invocation of privilege that have already been set forth in Loop AI's Opposition to AW-USA's  
28 Motion to Quash the Orrick Subpoena (the "AW-USA Opp.") being filed concurrently herewith.

1 to *each* document or communication that the party seeks to protect from disclosure on privilege  
2 grounds. *See, e.g., United States v. Graf*, 610 F.3d 1148, 1156 (9th Cir. 2010). Specifically, the  
3 8-part test applicable in the Ninth Circuit includes the following elements: “(1) Where legal  
4 advice of any kind is sought (2) from a professional legal adviser in his capacity as such, (3) the  
5 communications relating to that purpose, (4) made in confidence (5) by the client, (6) are at his  
6 instance permanently protected (7) from disclosure by himself or by the legal adviser, (8) unless  
7 the protection is waived.” *Id.* Because the attorney-client privilege “contravenes the  
8 fundamental principle that the public has a right to every man’s evidence” federal courts  
9 “construe it narrowly to serve its purposes.” *Pac. Pictures Corp. v. U.S. Dist. Court*, 679 F.3d  
10 1121, 1126 (9th Cir. 2012) (internal citations and quotation marks omitted).

12 Federal courts have also recognized that certain exceptions to the attorney-client privilege  
13 require disclosure of certain documents or information regardless of whether any privilege exists,  
14 and even where such privilege has not been waived. Relevant here is an exception generally  
15 referred to as the fiduciary exception.

17 The Ninth Circuit “has joined a number of other courts in recognizing a fiduciary  
18 exception to the attorney-client privilege.” *U.S. v. Mett*, 178 F.3d 1058, 1062 (9th Cir. 1999).  
19 “This exception has its genesis in English trust law, but has since been applied to numerous  
20 fiduciary relationships.” *Id.* at 1063. “The fiduciary exception applies where th[e] duty of  
21 disclosure overrides the attorney-client privilege.” *U.S. v. Jicarilla Apache Nation*, \_\_\_ U.S.  
22 \_\_\_ 131 S. Ct. 2313, 2329 (2011). *See also, e.g., Stephan v. Unum Life Ins. Co. of Am.*, 697  
23 F.3d 917, 931 (9th Cir. 2012) (“On this view, the attorney-client privilege is subordinated to the  
24 fiduciary’s disclosure obligation.”). Other courts have described this exception as being “an  
25 instance of the attorney-client privilege giving way in the face of a competing legal principle.”  
26 *Mett*, 178 F.3d at 1063.  
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1 **II. UNDER THE FIDUCIARY EXCEPTION TO PRIVILEGE, ORRICK IS NOT**  
2 **PERMITTED TO INVOKE ITS OWN INTERNAL PRIVILEGE TO PROTECT**  
3 **FROM DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING LOOP AI, WHILE**  
4 **LOOP AI WAS ITS CLIENT.**

5 Orrick has objected to Requests 23, 24, 26, and 29 in the Subpoena on the grounds that  
6 Orrick's internal privilege protects materials responsive to those requests from disclosure. Under  
7 the circumstances present in this case, however, the fiduciary (or current client) exception to the  
8 attorney-client privilege applies to compel disclosure of the documents and communications that  
9 Orrick has withheld on the basis that those documents are protected by Orrick's own internal  
10 attorney-client privilege.

11 Orrick was Loop AI's principal counsel for a period of almost three years, beginning in  
12 April 2012 and continuing through March 11, 2015. *See, e.g., Dkt. 124 at 2-7*, VCH Decl., Ex.  
13 9, *Dkt. 29-1*. During this time Orrick continued to represent Loop AI in respect of all critical  
14 aspects of its business, including matters relating to Defendant Gatti and her employment with  
15 (and termination from) Loop AI. *See, e.g., Dkt. 10-15* (Gatti/Loop AI employment agreement  
16 prepared by Orrick).<sup>5</sup> Despite Orrick's critical role as counsel to Loop AI, Orrick concealed  
17 from Loop AI that it was also working with Defendant Gatti and the Almoviva Defendants, and  
18 that Orrick had even prepared an employment agreement for the Almoviva Defendants to  
19 disguise their relationship with Defendant Gatti, while she continued to remain employed by  
20 Loop AI. *See, e.g., Dkt. 25-1 at ECF p. 18* (agreement between Almoviva Defendants and Gatti).

21 In addition to failing to advise Loop AI that it had taken on the representation of one or  
22 more of the Almoviva Defendants, in conflict with its representation of Loop AI, Orrick never  
23 advised Loop AI that, while it continued to be its counsel, it was also acting adversely to Loop  
24 AI to conceal its conflicted representation of one or more of the Almoviva Defendants.  
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<sup>5</sup> Through November 2014, Loop AI was named Soshoma.  
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1 At least as to the period during which Orrick served as Loop AI's counsel, which ended  
2 **March 11, 2015**, Orrick had the fiduciary obligation not to act against Loop AI's interests in any  
3 respect, and to promptly disclose to Loop AI all matters material to the representation, such as,  
4 for instance, that Defendant Gatti had been acting in breach of her fiduciary and contractual  
5 obligations to Loop AI for more than one year. Accordingly, Orrick should not now be  
6 permitted to withhold, on grounds of its own internal privilege, any communication or  
7 information that pre-dates Orrick's termination of its attorney-client relationship with Loop AI.

8 Under federal common law governing the privilege, which applies here, "a law firm  
9 cannot assert the attorney-client privilege against a current outside client when the  
10 communications that it seeks to protect arise out of self-representation that creates an  
11 impermissible conflicting relationship with that outside client." *SonicBlue Claims LLC v.*  
12 *Portside Growth and Opportunity Fund (In re SonicBlue Inc.)*, No. 03-51775, 2008 Bankr.  
13 LEXIS 181, at \*26-27 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. Jan. 18, 2008). *See also, Landmark Screens, LLC v.*  
14 *Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP*, No. C08-02581, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 9435 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 15,  
15 2010) (citing *SonicBlue*); *E-Pass Techs., Inc. v. Moses & Singer, LLP*, No. C09-5967 2011 U.S.  
16 Dist. LEXIS 96231, at \*9-10 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 26, 2011) (Rejecting an "unprecedented argument  
17 that notwithstanding its fiduciary duty, at the same time [the law firm at issue] was representing  
18 E-Pass on the motion it could engage in intra-firm communications relating to how to protect  
19 itself from liability on the motion and then withhold those communications from E-Pass.").

20 This conclusion arises in part from the unique nature of the attorney-client relationship.  
21 *See SonicBlue*, 2008 Bankr. LEXIS 181, at \*28 ("the very nature of the attorney-client  
22 relationship exceeds other fiduciary relationships where the fiduciary must execute its duties  
23 faithfully on behalf of its beneficiaries."). As such, it is incumbent upon all attorneys "not to  
24 represent another client if it would create a conflict of interest with the first client." *Id.* at \*29.  
25 Synthesizing these ideas, the court in *SonicBlue* stated that,  
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1 “the scope of [counsel’s] fiduciary duties were broad-ranging and prohibited  
2 [counsel] from engaging in any activity that was adverse to SONICblue's  
3 interests. Applying *Mett*'s reasoning, [counsel] cannot invoke the privilege as to  
4 **any matter** within that broad scope of fiduciary activities. This would include its  
5 failure to comply with its duty of loyalty **by entering into a second**  
6 **representation that created a conflict** with its representation of SONICblue.”

7 *Id.* at \*29 (emphasis added). Should a firm choose to represent itself in respect of such a  
8 conflict, “it runs the risk that the representation may create an impermissible conflict of interest  
9 with one or more of its current clients.” *Id.* at \*26. Indeed, a firm’s interests are “in conflict  
10 with those of [its client] to the extent they [are] not **fully** aligned with [the client’s.]” *E-Pass*,  
11 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 96231, at \*10 (emphasis added). “In light of these ethical concerns, the  
12 courts that have considered the issue have resoundingly found that, where conflicting duties  
13 exist, the law firm's right to claim privilege **must give way to the interest in protecting current**  
14 **clients** who may be harmed by the conflict.” *SonicBlue*, 2008 Bankr. LEXIS 181, at \*26  
15 (emphasis added) (citing cases).

16 As applied to the instant matter, for the period during which Loop AI was Orrick’s client,  
17 Orrick is barred by the fiduciary exception to privilege from asserting attorney-client privilege or  
18 work product protection<sup>6</sup> to avoid production of its own internal documents and communications  
19 relating to Loop AI. Therefore, Orrick must produce those documents dated or created through  
20 at least March 11, 2015, which are responsive to Loop AI’s Requests 23, 24, 26, and 29, and  
21 over which Orrick has asserted its own privilege. See [Dkt. 170-2 at 9-11](#).

22 In support of its assertion of privilege, Orrick relies on *Crimson Trace Corp. v. Davis*  
23 *Wright Tremaine LLP*, 355 Ore. 476 (2014) and on *TattleTale Alarm Sys. v. Calfee, Halter &*  
24 *Griswold, LLP*, No. 10-226, 2011 WL 382627, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 10412, at \*6 (S.D. Ohio  
25 Feb. 3, 2011). See [Dkt. 169 at 3](#). Those cases, however, are inapplicable here. In both those

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27 <sup>6</sup> *SonicBlue*, 2008 Bankr. LEXIS 181, at \*30 (Stating that the policies discussed here regarding  
28 attorney-client privilege “apply equally to... claims of work product.”)

1 cases the courts were deciding the issue under state statutes that, unlike federal common law,  
2 have spoken both on the state privileges and on the exceptions applicable to those state  
3 privileges. *See id.* In *Crimson* the Oregon Supreme Court emphasized that “among the courts  
4 that have adopted the fiduciary exception, most are not governed by a legislative adopted  
5 privilege; most cases adopting the exception are federal.” *Crimson*, 355 Ore. at 496. *Crimson*  
6 explained that, unlike Oregon statutory privilege law,

7 ***Under federal law, the attorney-client privilege is recognized as judge-made***  
8 ***and, as a result, is subject to judge-made exceptions.*** *See generally* Christopher  
9 B. Mueller and Laird C. Kirkpatrick, Federal Evidence § 5:1, 405 (3d ed 2007)  
10 (“Congress decided to leave privilege law where it was, and yet without freezing  
11 the evolution of the common law relating to privileges.”); *see also Trammel v.*  
*U.S.*, 445 US 40, 47, 100 S Ct 906, 63 L Ed 2d 186 (1980) (federal rules allow  
courts to develop privilege law on a case-by-case basis”).

12 *Id.* (emphasis added).<sup>7</sup> *TattleTale* was to the same effect — it involved a case based on diversity  
13 jurisdiction, where the court was required to apply state law (in that case the law of Ohio, which  
14 also contained limited statutory exceptions to privilege). *See TattleTale*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS  
15 10412, at \*7-8.

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17 In this action, by contrast, the jurisdiction of this Court is based on federal question  
18 subject matter jurisdiction. *See* [Dkt. 1 at 12](#); [Dkt. 45 at 15](#). Under controlling Ninth Circuit law,  
19 in this case federal common law of privilege applies even though this action also includes  
20 pendent state claims. *See Agster v. Maricopa County*, 422 F.3d 836, 839-840 (9th Cir. 2005)  
21 (“[w]here there are federal question claims and pendent state law claims present, ***the federal law***  
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23 <sup>7</sup> California state privilege law is also governed by statute. For that reason, *Crimson* has been  
24 followed by a California state court applying California state privilege law. *See Edwards*  
25 *Wildman Palmer LLP v. Superior Court*, 231 Cal. App. 4th 1214, 1230 (Cal. App. 2d Dist. 2014)  
26 (“we are not at liberty to adopt the fiduciary or current client exceptions to the attorney-client  
27 privilege. As the *Crimson Trace* court found in regard to Oregon law, in California it is well-  
28 settled that ‘the attorney-client privilege is a legislative creation, which courts have no power to  
limit by recognizing implied exceptions.’”). As already discussed above, however, this case is  
not governed by California state privilege law, but by the federal common law of privilege which  
fully recognizes the exception invoked by Loop AI here.

1 *of privilege applies.*) (emphasis added)).<sup>8</sup> This rule has been widely adopted by federal courts in  
2 cases based on federal question jurisdiction with pendent state law claims. *See, e.g., Hancock,*  
3 967 F.2d at 466 (adopting rule and holding that “the federal law of privilege provides the rule of  
4 decision in a civil proceeding where the court’s jurisdiction is premised upon a federal question,  
5 even if the witness-testimony is relevant to a pendent state law count which may be controlled by  
6 a contrary state law of privilege.”) (citing cases). *See, also, e.g., Perrignon v. Bergen Brunswig*  
7 *Corp.*, 77 F.R.D. 455, 459 (N.D. Cal. 1978) (“federal question cases where pendent state claims  
8 are raised the federal common law of privileged should govern all claims of privilege raised in  
9 the litigation”). This rule is especially important where, as in this case, the state law of privilege  
10 conflicts with the federal common law. *See, e.g., Hancock, supra* (discussing resolution of  
11 conflict between state and federal privilege law).  
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13 Because this case is governed by federal common law on privilege, which recognizes the  
14 fiduciary exception invoked by Loop AI here, Orrick is not permitted to assert its own attorney  
15 client privilege or work product protection against Loop AI, at least not until after it terminated  
16 its relationship with Loop AI on March 11, 2015.  
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18 **III. TO THE EXTENT THE COURT WERE TO FIND THE FIDUCIARY**  
19 **EXCEPTION INAPPLICABLE, ORRICK HAS WAIVED THE PRIVILEGE IT**  
20 **NOW SEEKS TO ASSERT.**

21 Even if the Court were to reject the fiduciary exception to the attorney-client privilege,  
22 Loop AI would nonetheless be entitled to the discovery in question because Orrick has waived  
23 the privilege it seeks to assert. Specifically, Orrick has voluntarily injected into this proceeding  
24 matters regarding its knowledge of the conflict that in fairness should allow Loop AI to obtain  
25 discovery of the matters voluntarily disclosed by Orrick. For instance, Orrick has represented to  
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27 <sup>8</sup> *Citing* Fed. R. Evid. 501. Advisory Notes of Committee on the Judiciary, Senate Report No.  
28 93-1277. (“It is also intended that the Federal law of privileges should be applied with respect to  
pendant State law claims when they arise in a Federal question case.”).

1 this Court that its conflicted behavior was inadvertent and that it resigned its representation of  
2 both clients (Loop AI and Almawave S.r.l.) immediately upon learning of its error. *See* [Dkt. 141](#)  
3 [at n. 1](#).<sup>9</sup> Presumably Orrick made that statement in order to refute any suggestion that Orrick  
4 intentionally breached its contractual and fiduciary obligations to notify and obtain consent from  
5 Loop AI immediately before taking on this conflicted representation.<sup>10</sup> Of course, if Orrick’s  
6 representation to the Court is true, Orrick’s assertion of its own internal privilege must fail,  
7 because during the period covered by the Subpoena request, attorneys at Orrick could not have  
8 been seeking advice of internal counsel regarding a conflict that they claim they did not know  
9 existed. If, instead, Orrick’s representation regarding its knowledge of the conflict was untrue –  
10 if in fact Orrick knew of the conflict or continued its representation for any period of time while  
11 knowing of the conflict — Orrick has waived any privilege that could have applied, by injecting  
12 into the proceeding its representations to the Court that it did not know of the conflict. As the  
13 Ninth Circuit has held, a party seeking to invoke privilege “must prove ... that it has not waived  
14 the privilege.” *Weil v. Investment/Indicators, Research & Mgmt., Inc.*, 647 F.2d 18, 25 (9th Cir.  
15 1981). “Voluntary disclosure of privileged communications constitutes waiver of the privilege  
16 for all other communications on the same subject.” *U.S. v. Richey*, 632 F.3d 559, 566 (9th Cir.  
17 2011). Courts have recognized that privilege may also be waived implicitly by disclosure of  
18 facts that in fairness should allow inquiry into the subject matter of the disclosed facts. *See, e.g.*,  
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23 <sup>9</sup> (“Orrick would establish that neither the lawyers representing plaintiff nor the lawyers  
24 representing certain defendants were aware of the representation and that Orrick promptly  
25 withdrew from both representations upon being advised of this litigation and of Ms. Gatti’s  
26 employment by both plaintiff and certain defendants.”) Loop AI respectfully disagrees with this  
27 representation, as the list of attorneys finally produced by Orrick shows that at least three  
28 attorneys worked on both the Loop AI matter and the Almayiva matter at issue in this action.

<sup>10</sup> A former partner of Orrick who is implicated in the conduct at issue in this action, Mr.  
Sternberg, and who moved to Venable LLP earlier this year, also voluntarily disclosed in  
response to a Subpoena to Venable that he did not know that Gatti worked for Loop AI. *See*  
VCH Decl., Ex. 7 at 9 (Response to Request 8).

1 *U.S. v. Bilzerian*, 926 F.2d 1285, 1292 (2d Cir. 1991) (privilege cannot be invoked “to disclose  
2 some selected communications for self-serving purposes.”).<sup>11</sup> Here, Orrick and its former  
3 partner have waived privilege by both voluntarily disclosing selected and self-serving pieces of  
4 information. Orrick cannot at the same time claim it did not know of the conflict, and yet avoid  
5 discovery on the issue by invoking its own attorney client privilege.

6 **IV. OTHER REMAINING ISSUES REGARDING ORRICK’S RESPONSES TO THE**  
7 **SUBPOENA.**

8 The following more minor issues remain unresolved in respect of Orrick’s response to the  
9 Subpoena.

10 **1. *Unsupported Refusal to Produce Privilege Log*** — “A party claiming the  
11 privilege must identify *specific communications and the grounds supporting the privilege* as to  
12 each piece of evidence over which privilege is asserted.” *Richey*, 632 F.3d at 567 (quoting *U.S. v.*  
13 *Martin*, 278 F.3d 988, 1000 (9th Cir. 2002)). The Ninth Circuit has expressly held that, absent  
14 this detailed identification of specific communications claimed to be covered by the privilege, it  
15 would be “error” to “conclude that [an] entire ... work file is protected by the attorney-client  
16 privilege.” *Id.* Orrick fails to provide any legal authority for its blanket refusal to produce a  
17 privilege log in this case. See [Dkt. 169 at 3](#) (“courts do not require a privilege log because the  
18 privilege is so obvious and because the information on a log would necessarily reveal the  
19 lawyers’ work in connection with the dispute.”). Respectfully, none exists. Particularly under  
20 the circumstances of this case, where Orrick has had a critical role in some of the matters at  
21 issue, there is no basis for Orrick to claim it should not be burdened by the requirement of  
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25 <sup>11</sup> *Bilzerian* has been recognized as a leading case on implicit waivers and has been relied on in  
26 the Ninth Circuit both at the appellate and district court level. See, e.g., *Chevron Corp. v.*  
27 *Pennzoil Co.*, 974 F.2d 1156, 1162 (9th Cir. 1992) (relying on *Bilzerian* to find waiver); *Regents*  
28 *of the Univ. of Cal. v. Micro Therapeutics, Inc.*, No. 03-05669, 2007 WL 2069946, 2007 U.S.  
Dist. LEXIS 54054, at \*9-10 (N.D. Cal. July 13, 2007).

1 producing a privilege log.

2           **2. *Unsupported Burden Objections*** — Orrick argues in conclusory fashion that it is  
3 not required to produce documents responsive to Requests 11, 22, and 23 in the Subpoena on the  
4 bases of undue burden and/or relevance. [Dkt. 169 at 2, 4](#). These blanket objections, unsupported  
5 by any explanation, cannot be sustained. There is no question that the matters sought by the  
6 Subpoena are relevant to this action, which expressly includes, among other things, claims based  
7 on Orrick's conduct in breach of its obligations to Loop AI.<sup>12</sup> *See, e.g.,* [Dkt. 45 at ¶¶ 167, 168,](#)  
8 [187, 208, 266-67, 297, 300, 305, 307, 312](#). To the extent this objection is premised on Orrick's  
9 assumption that Loop AI seeks documents dating prior to April 2012, when Orrick began  
10 representing Loop AI, this dispute was resolved during the meet and confer process with Orrick,  
11 as Loop AI clarified it is not seeking documents prior to that date. In respect of Request 11,  
12 Orrick appears to ground its objection on the fact that certain responsive documents are  
13 handwritten. *See* [Dkt. 170-2 at 5](#). Orrick seems to argue that it should not be made to produce  
14 any documents other than those that are digitally stored. This is obviously not the law. Nothing  
15 in the Federal Rules limits discovery to digitally stored information. Upholding such an  
16 objection would render all documents stored in physical rather than digital form immune from  
17 discovery. Moreover, the Orrick custodians in question include a very limited list of individuals,  
18 and a limited time scope. In light of these limitations, there is simply no basis for claiming that  
19 searching for and producing responsive documents that are not digitally stored would be  
20 burdensome.  
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23           **3. *Failure to Actually Produce Documents Claimed to Have Been Produced*** —  
24 In its responses to the Subpoena, Orrick stated that it would produce documents responsive to  
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27 <sup>12</sup> In respect of Request 11 and 23, Loop AI also notes that Orrick never made a relevance  
28 objection in its Responses. *See* [Dkt. 170-2 at 5](#).



1 Requests 27, 28, and 30. However, despite having brought this issue to Orrick's attention,  
2 Orrick has not produced *any* documents in response to these requests. Similarly, in response to  
3 Request 4, Orrick only produced 2 documents, and a handful of documents responsive to  
4 Request 25. It appears that more documents (specifically communications) would exist  
5 responsive to these requests, in which case they also should have been produced. Finally, in  
6 response to Requests 12 and 13, Orrick provided a narrative response instead of actually  
7 producing the responsive documents in its possession. Respectfully, there is no basis for  
8 withholding the actual documents and providing a narrative response instead. Accordingly, the  
9 documents in question should be produced.  
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### 11 CONCLUSION

12 For the foregoing reasons, Loop AI respectfully submits that Orrick's Motion should be  
13 denied in its entirety and that Orrick should be ordered to promptly cure the deficiencies in its  
14 responses to the Subpoena.  
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